

By the present amendment, dependent Claims 4-6, 9-12 and 17-19 have been amended in order to remove the multiple dependencies therefrom. Claims 14 and 21 have been cancelled. Various amendments have also been entered into the Specification and claims for the purpose of improved form.


A "marked-up" version of the claim amendments being entered is attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

The application is now in condition for a full examination on the merits.

Accordingly, an early examination on the merits and allowance are, therefore, respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

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1. (Amended) [In a] A wood working tool [having] comprising a cutting tool, a carrier and guide means [adapted to cause] for moving [a] the carrier [to move] past the cutting tool on a predetermined, but transversely variable path, whereby timber carried by the carrier can be cut reproducibly to size.

4. (Amended) A wood working tool as claimed in claim 2, [or claim 3] wherein the guide devices have an outer sleeve [which is] located on an inner post by way of bearings so the sleeve [can rotate] is rotatable with respect to the post.

5. (Amended) A wood working tool as claimed in [any one of claims 2 to 4] claim 2, wherein the guide devices can be spaced at different distances apart depending on the radius of curvature being cut.

6. (Amended) A wood working tool as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a body member on which the material to be cut can be located, and further comprising clamp means being associated with the body member whereby the material to be cut can be [retrained] retained against movement relative to the carrier.

9. (Amended) A wood working tool as claimed in claim

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7₁ [or claim 8 wherein by control of] by controlling the position of the beam, the required location for the material to be cut is achieved.

10. (Amended) A wood working tool as claimed in [any one of claims 7 to 9] claim 7, wherein there is a stop member against which the material to be cut be butted so that it is correctly located for cutting.

11. (Amended) A wood working tool as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein [the] an edge of the carrier [which] is directed towards the cutting tool [is] and shaped to the same shape as the required cut₁ so that the material being cut is supported close to the position of the cut being made.

12. (Amended) A wood working tool as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein when several members are to be cut from one sheet of material₁ the material can be moved transversely relative to the blade automatically after completion of a cut and the return on the carrier to its initial position.

15. (Amended) A method [of] for forming₁ or working₁ complex shapes of wood or similar materials₁ [including] comprising the steps of mounting [the] material onto a carrier, and associating the carrier with guide means [in such a way] so that on longitudinal movement of the carrier,

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the guide means will [cause transverse movement of] transversely move the carrier, the carrier and guide means being [in association] associated with a tool, so that the movement of the carrier is reflected by [the] operation of the tool on the material.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 15, [or claim 16,] wherein the tool is a bandsaw and wherein the material on the carrier is cut by the bandsaw to a shape which corresponds to the shape of the guide means.

18. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 15 to 17,] claim 15, wherein the side of the carrier adjacent the saw blade has [generally] substantially the same shape as required for the final cut material, so that the material before cutting is supported adjacent the point of cut.

19. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 15 to 18,] claim 15, wherein clamp means are associated with the carrier, the clamp means [being adapted to permit] permitting movement of the material transversely of the carrier, so that a number of cuts can be made from a single piece of material.

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